

REMARKS

By this amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to define the binder component as consisting only of the two components noted. In addition several minor changes (as shown in the attachment) have been made.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 through 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by the Hanada reference (U.S. patent 5,700,868). Claims 2, 9 and 11 through 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the same Hanada reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the reference cited and relied upon by the Examiner neither discloses nor suggests the claimed invention.

The present invention is directed to an adhesion promoting primer comprising a curing component and a lacquer resin which can react with isocyanate groups. As presently claimed, the curing component consists of an addition product of (i) at least one organic polyisocyanate with an average NCO functionality of 2.5 to 5.0 and an isocyanate content of 8 to 27 wt.% and (ii) an alkoxysilane of a specified formula.

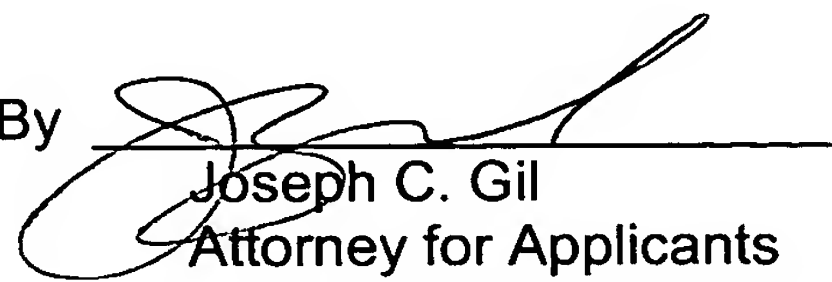
The compositions described in the Hanada reference are coatings for the back side of a heat-sensitive recording material. The compositions described therein are prepared by reacting (i) a polyisocyanate with (ii) a polysiloxane which contains isocyanate-reactive groups and (iii) a silane coupling agent. While the silane coupling agents disclosed include the alkoxysilanes used in the present invention, the reference requires the use of the polysiloxane which contains isocyanate-reactive groups. There is absolutely no indication in the reference that the polysiloxane could or should be deleted. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the the claims by the present amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (amended) An adhesion promoting primer comprising a solvent-containing two-component polyurethane binder comprising

(A) ‡ a curing component ~~(A), comprising~~ consisting of an addition product of (B) at least one organic polyisocyanate ~~(B)~~ with an average NCO functionality of 2.5 to 5.0 and an isocyanate content of 8 to 27 wt.% and (C) an alkoxysilane ~~(C)~~ of formula (I) with at least one isocyanate-reactive group,



wherein in which

Q represents an isocyanate-reactive group,

Z represents a linear or branched C₁-C₁₂ alkylene group,

X represents a hydrolyzable group,

Y represents identical or different C₁-C₄ alkyl groups and

a is an integer from 1 to 3, and

(D) # a lacquer resin ~~(D)~~ which can react with isocyanate groups

~~as adhesion promoter.~~